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1. There are several oil deposits in Yugoslavia which are already being utilized, as well as various recently discovered oil-bearing strata that are presently being investigated.
2. The most important deposits are in Slovenia, located at the following places:

Peklenica - Great activity is evident at this oil well which is estimated to have a capacity of 200,000 tons (presumably per year).

Sevnica - This oil well is located near Peklenica and is inferior both as to quality and quantity to the one at Peklenica.

Both oil wells, and Peklenica in particular, are equipped with the most modern pumps which reach a depth of 1,600 meters. Four pumps acquired in Italy in 1946 and costing 250 million lire each, are in operation at Peklenica.

3. There are oil deposits in Slavonia at the following places:

Precec - The oil well here has an unknown capacity, but is presently being investigated by authorities who are also testing the surrounding areas in the direction of Mikleusko (sic). Although some machinery to drill for oil has been erected at Precec, work often stops because of the lack or breakdown of technical equipment. It is rumored that the entire area has oil-bearing strata at various depths.

Bujavice - Three deposits of smaller capacity are being utilized in this area. Lack of technical equipment makes it impossible to extract much oil from these deposits.

Bacindol (sic) - Several pumps, reaching a depth of 900 to 1,200 meters, have been erected in the area surrounding Bacindol, said to be very rich in oil-bearing strata.

4. There is one oil deposit in Bosnia, located at Tuzla. This well was badly damaged during the war, but minor repairs have been effected and the oil wells have been equipped with new machinery. All the deposits

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here are presently being utilized but the volume of production is unsatisfactory because, according to experts, the pumps should be larger and reach a greater depth where considerable oil-bearing strata are located. It is estimated that abundant oil is to be found at a depth of 1,700 meters.

5. Experts believe that if it were possible to utilize all the oil deposits discovered in Yugoslavia, the nation's requirements could be met without imports.

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